

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

August 2012 – Week 2

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TITLE: THE STRIP STRIKE

AUGUST 1935 AND STRIKING TEXANS EXPOSE THEIR ANGER.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUGUST 7, 1935. DALLAS. AFTER THE SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE LAWS IN 1934, FEMALE GARMENT WORKERS UNIONIZE TO FIGHT FOR HIGHER WAGES. THE COMPANIES RESIST AND THE LADIES FORM A PICKET LINE.

TODAY, TENSIONS ERUPT AS UNION PROTESTERS STORM INTO TWO DOWNTOWN FACTORIES. IN AN HOUR-LONG RIOT, THE WOMEN ATTACK FEMALE STRIKEBREAKERS, RIP OFF THEIR CLOTHES, SPANK THEM AND CHASE THEM INTO THE STREET.

THE ATTACK IS CONDEMNED ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THREE UNION WOMEN ARE ARRESTED BUT SERVE LITTLE JAIL TIME.

IN NOVEMBER, GARMENT WORKERS END THEIR WALKOUT AND THE STRIKE IS OVER.

THE DALLAS STRIP STRIKE HAPPENED 77 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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